Last rites **of ex-servicemen by Government**

199. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to honour ex-servicemen, by way of organizing their last rites at Government expenses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the kind of mechanism that has been developed to ensure fast dissemination of information relating to such cases, especially in the far-flung, inaccessible regions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) to (c) Indian Anny gives following grants to its ex-servicemen:—

(i) Platinum or demise grant whichever is earlier is given to the ex-servicemen from the Army Officers benevolent fund. The scale of this grant which is based on the length of service of the subscriber member is from Rs. 12,500/- to Rs. 50,000/-.

(ii) Demise grant of Rs. 3,000/- is given to Next of Kin (NOK) of retired Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR) from Army Central Welfare Fund(ACWF).

Navy gives an amount of Rs. 10,000/- to the deceased family as death grant from welfare fund. In the case of ex-servicemen of Air Force, funeral allowance @Rs. 1,000/- is granted.

In addition to the above, the Army is implementing a scheme to ensure decent last rites to its veterans upto Rs. 2500/- from Regimental funds. The station headquarters will implement the new scheme and disseminate information.

Lack of job satisfaction among young officers

200. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that young officers do not find job satisfaction in armed forces;

(b) whether it is a fact that in a recent case a young lady officer of the army committed suicide due to lack of job satisfaction and low self esteem; and

(c) if so, whether any responsibility of senior officers has been fixed in such cases of low job satisfaction among junior young officers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) There has been a recent case of a young lady officer having committed suicide on 15th June, 2006. An official Court of Inquiry is examining the case.

Violence in J&K

201. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a spurt in violence in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in and around Srinagar, in May last, before and after Prime Minister's visit to that State for holding second round of Round Table Conference there, in connection with the Kashmir issue;

(b) the number of those killed, civilians, army and para-military personnel and terrorists, separately, in the terrorist related violence in the State since 1st May, 2006, month-wise;

(c) the terrorist organizations involved in the attacks; and

(d) the measures taken/contemplated to counter such terrorist attacks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per the report of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, the details of terrorist related violence in and around Srinagar before (4.4.2006 to 26.5.2006) and after (27.5.2006 to 18.7.2006) Prime Minister's visit to the State for holding second Round Table Conference are shown below:—